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Hi Shawna – Rich is on furlough today so I'm forwarding talking points that OSWER can use in responding to calls regarding the West Lake Superfund site in St. Louis, Mo. Karl Brooks, our regional administrator, has approved these talking points. Hope this helps. Thanks – HLT

### West Lake

- Information available to EPA continues to indicate that the subsurface smoldering event in the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill is more than 1,000 feet away from the nearest radiologically-contaminated landfill cell at West Lake.
- EPA has no information indicating that the behavior of the subsurface smoldering event, or its direction of movement, has suddenly changed.
- Questions from the public on the subsurface smoldering event, particularly with respect to odor issues, should be referred to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the regulatory entity with responsibility for the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill:

MDNR/Chris Nagel: 800-361-4827 and 573-751-5401

MDNR/Website: [www.dnr.mo.gov/env/bridgeton-westlake.htm](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/bridgeton-westlake.htm)

- The recent legal order from the Missouri Attorney General's office requires, in part, that the owner of the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill works under MDNR oversight to develop contingency plans to ensure that the subsurface smoldering event does not reach the radiologically-contaminated landfill cells at West Lake.

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Superfund

- The radiologically-contaminated landfill cells at West Lake are fenced to prevent access, and groundwater at the site is not used for any purposes. Therefore, there are no pathways for people to be exposed to the radiological contaminants at the site.
- The report on the results of the ASPECT airborne radiation scan EPA conducted at West Lake in March of 2013 will be made available to the public by the end of May 2013.
- MDNR will release to the public during the week of May 20 a study based on current radiation monitoring, which shows only background levels around the landfill complex.
- EPA plans to convene another public meeting near the landfill complex in late June to share the most recent groundwater and radiation data.

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